

## **Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department Mission Statement**

Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department commits its resources in partnership with the community to provide a safe and secure environment to assess and process arrested juveniles and those at-risk, utilizing state-of-the-art assessment instruments and technology in order to determine the individual issues of juveniles for the purpose of minimizing further delinquent activity and contributing to the development of future productive adult citizens.



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## **Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative**

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## Prevention Initiative Overview

The Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative (PI) provides services to at-risk youth and their families. The program utilizes assessment, referrals, and case management services.

### Prevention Initiative's Goal

The goal is to intervene early in the lives of youth, in order to identify at-risk behaviors and prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system.



The Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative is for any youth 17 years of age and under, who is experiencing behavioral and familial difficulties and those who may be at-risk of being arrested. Areas addressed include:

- ◆ Substance Abuse
- ◆ Low Academics
- ◆ School Attendance
- ◆ Disciplinary problems
- ◆ Runaway
- ◆ Mental Health Issues

**Prevention services** will include referrals to a formal network of private and public community based organizations that will address issues such as:

- ◆ Anger management
- ◆ Disruptive behavior
- ◆ Family issues
- ◆ Drug experimentation
- ◆ Negative peer association



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### Partners

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Community Work Service Sites  
Mental Health Agencies  
Local Youth Shelters  
Community Based Organizations  
Law Enforcement Agencies